

1 **SHB 2537 - H AMD 286 ADOPTED 2-13-96**

2 By Representative Chandler

3 On page 14, after line 28, insert the following:

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** A new section is added to chapter
5 87.80 RCW to read as follows:

6 A board of joint control created under this chapter does not
7 have the power to authorize a change in any water right that would
8 change the point or points of diversion for the water right without
9 the approval of the department of ecology. No change in a water
10 right may be authorized by or approved by such a board of joint
11 control except as authorized under RCW 90.03.380. A board of joint
12 control shall not authorize or approve a change in a water right
13 unless the change can be made without injury or detriment to
14 existing rights."

Renumber the remaining section consecutively.

EFFECT: The limitations on the authority of a board of joint control to authorize changes in water rights are the same as apply to such authorities of irrigation districts.